

GSA systems project draws another strong CM field

The General Services Administration (GSA) has rallied almost as much interest in its second construction manager (CM) contract for a multiple building systems project as it did for the initial CM project at Beltsville, Md.

Over half of the 35 sponsoring firms or joint ventures that tried for the Beltsville job are back in the running for a \$72-million Social Security building systems project for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (ENR 10/7 p. 79).

Although a major portion of project funds are dependent upon fiscal 1973 appropriations, GSA is moving fast to name the CM so that it can begin consulting on initial design phases. By week's end GSA expects to have narrowed the 29 preliminary proposals (see table at right) to about five candidates that will submit priced proposals from which GSA will select the best overall package within the next two weeks.

GSA has stressed that in evaluating preliminary proposals it will be looking for a firm or association of firms with proven ability in providing construction management services in Philadelphia, San Francisco and Chicago, the cities in which the three Social Security payment centers will be located.

GSA also wants a CM that has been involved in the use of building systems and phased design and construction.

All five finalists for GSA's first CM contract (ENR 9/9 p.9), including the

Construction manager candidates for GSA systems project

Baltimore Contractors, Inc., Baltimore and
George M. Ewing Co., Philadelphia
Barton-Malow Co., Detroit
Bilbyrne Corp., New York City
Bradford S. Tilney & Associates, Boston
P.J. Carlin Construction Co., Inc., New Rochelle, N.Y.
Catalytic, Inc., Philadelphia
Commonwealth Associates, Inc., Jackson, Mich.
Construction Management Collaborative, Washington, D.C.
Day & Zimmerman, Inc., Philadelphia
Diesel-Grad, Newark, N.J.
Dick Corp., Pittsburgh
Dow Engineering Co., Houston
Halcon Computer Technologies, Inc., New York City
Robert Hawthorne, Inc., Philadelphia
Kaiser Engineers, Oakland, Calif.
Knutson Construction Co., Minneapolis
Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc., New York City

Lester B. Knight & Associates, Inc., Chicago
MDA Construction Cost Consultants, Washington, D.C.
McKee-Berger-Mansueto, Inc., in association with Gust K. Newberg Construction Co., Chicago; Frank H. Wilson Co., Philadelphia; Rothschild & Raffin, Inc., San Francisco; Caudill Rowlett & Scott Co., New York City; and Westinghouse Civil Systems, Pittsburgh
John McShain, Inc., Baltimore
Meridian Engineering, Inc., Philadelphia
Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., Boise, Idaho
Orban Wagner, Inc., Mt. Holly, N.J.
Perini Corp., Framingham, Mass.
The Ralph M. Parsons Co., Gardena, Calif.
Lee Saylor, Inc., Walnut Creek, Calif.
Tishman Realty & Construction Co., New York City
Turner Construction Co., New York City
and
MDC Systems, Cherry Hill, N.J.

two joint ventures of George A. Fuller Co., Inc., New York City, and Lester B. Knight & Associates, Chicago; and Turner Construction Co., New York City, and MDC Systems, Cherry Hill, N.J., are in the running.

But two others, Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc., and McKee-Berger-Mansueto, Inc. (MBM), the New York City-based firms that teamed up to win the first CM job, are submitting separate proposals, although Kidde's includes subcontracting some systems programming work to MBM. Both firms

have teamed up with general contractors in each project city. MBM is associated with Gust K. Newberg Construction Co., Chicago; Frank H. Wilson Co., Philadelphia; and Rothschild & Raffin, Inc., San Francisco. Assisting MBM in systems aspects of the project will be Caudill Rowlett Scott Co., New York City, and Westinghouse Civil Systems, Pittsburgh. Kidde has teamed up with Ragnar Benson, Inc., Chicago; Swinerton & Walberg Co., San Francisco; and Hughes-Foulkrod Construction Co., Philadelphia.

Hotel, office fires cause damage, take no lives

Fires in two high-rise buildings, one in New York City and the other in San Francisco, have again called official attention to the need for improved fire safety measures in high-rise buildings.

Firemen at the 38th floor as they were on their way to help other firemen. The incident prompted the city's fire department to add to its list of advice

The New York City fire started in an unsmoked portion of the hotel's basement. Flames spread to an adjacent room housing the elevators' me-